

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mask has a top, bottom and opposed sides, and the aperture of the mouth-piece is elliptical with a greatest dimension of the ellipse extending laterally toward the sides of the mask.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mouth-piece has an acoustic screen positioned in the aperture.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 11, wherein the screen is constituted by a metal lattice.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising a baffle fixedly joined to the flexible cap and positioned between the first microphone capsule and the exhalation port.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) Mask according to Claim 17, further comprising a cable and one of two complementary connection pieces of a releasable connector, connected to a first end of the cable, wherein a second end of the cable is directly connected to the first microphone capsule.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising plural catches fixedly joined to the flexible cap and mounted substantially perpendicularly to an external face of the flexible cap.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising a second microphone capsule and wherein the first and second microphone capsules are mounted side by side on a base of the mouth-piece.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) Oxygen breathing mask with a sound pick-up device comprising:

- a flexible cap;

- an exhalation port pierced through the flexible cap;

- a housing on an inner surface of the flexible cap;

- a first microphone capsule positioned above the exhalation port;

- a conical tubular mouth-piece extending from a first distal end disposed adjacent the flexible cap to a second distal end projecting away from the flexible cap, the first microphone capsule mounted at said first distal end of the tubular mouthpiece with the microphone capsule positioned between the flexible cap and the mouth-piece, said second distal end of said tubular mouth-piece disposed away from the microphone capsule and defining an aperture turned away from said flexible cap; and

- an arm having first and second ends, wherein the first end is disposed within the housing, and the arm extends from the housing and supports at the second end the tubular mouth-piece at said first distal end adjacent the first microphone capsule.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said tubular mouth-piece has an opening at said distal end larger than an opening facing the microphone capsule.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said microphone capsule further comprises an acoustic chamber having a plurality of holes.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 19, wherein said acoustic chamber has a high-pass filtering capability with a cutoff frequency in the range of about 100 Hz.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein a height of said mouth-piece with respect to a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned in the mask is adjustable.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 21, wherein said height varies from about 10 to about 18 mm.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising:
a body mounted in the housing, wherein the arm extends from the body to support the tubular mouth-piece.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said aperture of said tubular mouth-piece is turned towards a center of a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned, said mouth-piece having a longitudinal axis passing substantially

through the center of said location, and said aperture defining a plane which is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

Claim 25 (New) An oxygen breathing mask, comprising:

- a flexible cap;
- an exhalation port pierced through the flexible cap;
- a housing disposed on the flexible cap, the housing being separate from the exhalation port;
- a body mounted in the housing;
- an arm extending from the body;
- a conical tubular mouth-piece supported by the arm; and
- a first microphone capsule mounted at an end of the mouth-piece between the flexible cap and the mouth-piece.

Claim 26 (New) Mask according to claim 25, wherein the mask has a top, bottom and opposed sides, and the aperture of the mouth-piece is elliptical with a greatest dimension of the ellipse extending laterally toward the sides of the mask.

Claim 27 (New) Mask according to claim 25, wherein the mouth-piece has an acoustic screen positioned in the aperture.

Claim 28 (New) Mask according to claim 27, wherein the screen is constituted by a metal lattice.

Claim 29 (New) Mask according to claim 25, further comprising a baffle fixedly joined to the flexible cap and positioned between the first microphone capsule and the exhalation port.

Claim 30 (New) Mask according to Claim 25, further comprising a cable and one of two complementary connection pieces of a releasable connector, connected to a first end of the cable, wherein a second end of the cable is directly connected to the first microphone capsule.

Claim 31 (New) Mask according to claim 27, further comprising plural catches fixedly joined to the flexible cap and mounted substantially perpendicularly to an external face of the flexible cap.

Claim 32 (New) Mask according to claim 27, further comprising a second microphone capsule and wherein the first and second microphone capsules are mounted side by side on a base of the mouth-piece.

Claim 33 (New) Mask according to claim 25, wherein said microphone capsule further comprises an acoustic chamber having a plurality of holes.

Claim 34 (New) Mask according to claim 33, wherein said acoustic chamber has a high-pass filtering capability with a cutoff frequency in the range of about 100 Hz.

Claim 35 (New) Mask according to claim 25, wherein a height of said mouth-piece with respect to a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned in the mask is adjustable.